

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2006

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Room 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Krommenhock called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Commissioners Present: Burrill, Gray (7:25 pm), Krommenhock, Ku, McGuire, Munzel, and Tuason (7:10 pm)

Commissioners Excused: Sandhu and Serena

City Staff Present: Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor; Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary

IV. Alternates Commissioner Burrill was seated.

V. Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda for October 2, 2006, as submitted.
M/S: Munzel/McGuire
All Ayes

VI. Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes for September 11, 2006, as submitted.
M/S: McGuire/Ku
All Ayes

VII. Public Forum None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Ms. Greiner announced that the Senior Center will be hosting a Craft Faire on October 21, 2006 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Senior Center will also be hosting a community meeting on October 24, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, to discuss the Senior Center project, meet the architects, and to participate in the planning process.

IX. Old Business

1. Youth Sports User Group Application Process Review (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

Ms. Greiner began by explaining that the priority for field allocations have been approved by City Council. The priorities are first to City administered programs, second to programs or activities for Senior Citizens and approved co-sponsored groups, third to non-profit groups that are organized for recreational, social, cultural, religious or civic purposes and whose membership is principally composed of local residents or whose charter is based in Milpitas, fourth to any other group, business or individual resident of the City of Milpitas, and lastly to any non-resident group, business or individual.

All groups that receive field allocations from the City of Milpitas were invited to attend this evening's meeting. Eric Donkers, who represents Milpitas Youth Soccer Club (MYSC), began by stating that he is happy about being a part of Milpitas and he feels that it is a safe community to live in. He started MYSC to bring a different level of soccer to Milpitas. They have a recreation program as well as class 3 and class 1. MYSC has also brought an opportunity to bring business to Milpitas because they play teams from other cities. MYSC has grown from 325 in 2003 to currently 443.

Mr. Donkers explained that currently MYSC has use of Gill Park and 3/5 of Rancho. They are looking for a more equitable distribution for all youth programs. He feels that all youth programs should be on equal footing.

Greg Bennett, also spoke on behalf of MYSC. He stated that he has been involved with PAL and MYSC. He believes that the City has enough fields but would like to see the City have more lit fields, then they would be able to play into November and December. It would also be a safer environment for the kids, if there were lights.

Mr. Donkers said he would like to work with the City to be able to use more of the Rancho field. Ms. Greiner responded that there is an agreement with the Milpitas Unified School District to use the school fields. We currently work with them, and their programs have 1st priority for their fields, and they also have other groups who use their fields. With the lack of lit fields we are unable to satisfy everybody. We are able to satisfy priority 1 and some of priority 2. Chairperson Krommenhock explained that neighbors complain if the fields are lit. Maybe the City can look into adding more lights as part of the CIP's.

Mr. Donkers said the City would be able to generate revenue if they had a designated complex similar to what little league baseball has. Dave Young, a representative of Milpitas Little League South, explained that they have hosted many tournaments, and it is not an easy thing to do. They are praised for the fields, but unfortunately, the fields are not respected by others. Little League may be forced to cancel future tournaments this year.

Ms. Greiner said that in general soccer is taking off as a sport. Commissioner Ku asked if there are more children participating in the programs. Mr. Donkers answered saying that the numbers have grown, but the field allocations have remained the same. Chairperson Krommenhock said that she would like to see more lit fields, and Mr. Donkers said he would like to see improvements made to the fields we currently have. All youth programs should be equitable.

Commissioner Munzel felt that the facilities needed to be shared better since our population is growing and is more diverse. Commissioner Gray felt that we must look at the percentage of people that are Milpitas residents, and that residents should be supported first. Ms. Greiner said that the current policy could be continued or changed. All groups need to be thought of when making any changes. Chairperson Krommenhock stated that she is not comfortable making any changes until she has more of a chance to look at more material, and she would like to see a summary of the information that staff has. Commissioner Gray would like to see more of a history of the user groups. Ms. Greiner responded that she will have a memo completed, a summary and other updates for the Commission at their November meeting.

MOTION to reagendaize field allocations to January 2007 with additional information given to the Commission at the November 2006 meeting.

M/S: Gray/Munzel
All ayes

X. New Business

1. Youth Sports Grant Requests (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

The Commission reviewed an application received from the Milpitas National Little League South requesting \$1,000 to purchase break-away bases for use during games and to comply with new little league regulations for safety requirements.

MOTION to grant \$1,000 to Milpitas National Little League South.

M/S: McGuire/Gray
All Ayes

2. Obtain Additional Youth Sports and Other Grant Money (Carol Randisi, Senior Maintenance Supervisor)

Ms. Randisi said that she did research on what grant programs the City of Milpitas has and what programs other cities have. Santa Clara has the Friends of Santa Clara Recreation, and they also received funds from the Art and Wine festival. Ms. Randisi asked the Commission what kind of grants they would like to sponsor. The Commission responded that they would like a summary of the grants we provide already and what fee waiver programs we already have. Chairperson Krommenhock would like to get donations for existing programs. She would like to get people and businesses interested in the program. She would like the item reagendaized in December to see if groups are interested. She would also like more information on the Friends of Santa Clara Recreation.

XI. Staff Reports

None.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

None.

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

The WiFi network will be up by the end of the year at city locations.

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

None.

4. Planning Commission

The Planning Commission discussed an entertainment permit for St. James Orthodox Church.

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

None.

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Carla Moss will be speaking at the next meeting.

7. Arts Commission

Arts Day was held on October 1, with great success. Art done by the Golden Hills Art Association is on display at the Phantom Art Gallery.

8. Video Sub-Committee

None.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Parks and Trails Update Master Plan Review
- Non-Profit pros and cons
- Park History Markers
- Youth Sports User Group Application Process Review (January)
- Grant Money Opportunities (December)

XIV. Adjournment

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM to the next scheduled meeting on November 6, 2006, at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary